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OLD TESTAMENT NOTES AND NOTICES.

Robert F. Harper, Ph. D., has been appointed instructor in Semitic languages in Yale University. The work demanded in this department could not be performed by one person.

Prof. Geo. R. Hovey, oldest son of President Hovey, of Newton Theological Institution, has been appointed Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament literature in the Theological School at Richmond, Va.

At the late commencement of Harvard University, one of the graduate addresses was on "The Study of the Bible as an English Classic." It is described as one of "the two striking addresses of the day."

The revisers of the German translation of the Bible lately began at Cologne the third and last reading of the Old Testament, taking first Isaiah and the Psalms. The reading of the latter book was but half finished at that sitting. They managed, however, to get through the Book of Isaiah.

The numbers attending the Summer Schools of Hebrew during the summer just closing have been about thirty-five per cent. more than during any previous season. The Chicago School, held at Evanston, had over one hundred in attendance. This work is destined to increase greatly in the future.

The Johns Hopkins University circular announces that "in pursuance of the plan adopted last year, Professor Haupt's courses in Hebrew, Arabic, Chaldee, and Syriac will be interrupted during the month of January, 1888, and all the time devoted to the study of Assyriology with special reference to the bilingual texts."

Columbia College issues a programme of courses of study in the oriental (chiefly Semitic) languages. Dr. H. T. Peck will lecture during the coming year upon elementary and advanced Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, Assyrian, Ethiopic, and general Semitic grammar; Dr. Richard J. H. Gottheil upon Syriac and Semitic Palæography.

Prof. Edward L. Curtis, Ph. D., of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, will be assisted next year in Old Testament work by Mr. A. S. Carrier, a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. The fact is rapidly becoming recognized that the Old Testament department in our seminaries comprehends too much to be managed easily by one man.

In THE STUDENT of last December, mention was made of a prize of fifty dollars offered by the Young Men's Hebrew Association, of Philadelphia, for the best essay on the following topic: "The Principles of Ethics in the sayings contained in the Book of Proverbs, with an inquiry into the social condition which they reflect." At the last stated meeting of the Board of Managers of this association, the judges of the prize-essay contest reported that "eight essays were handed in, some of which are very elaborate and give signs of deep original study." S. Sekles, however, of New York, won the prize; honorable mention being made of the Rev. Granville Ross Pike, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Clayville, Oneida County, N. Y.